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SUBJ: BERKOL'S REQUEST FOR SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF MCCLURE CONTRACT

1. A CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM TO DAVIDSON FROM BERKOL HAS BEEN PREPARED TO ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY THE EXTENSION OF MCCLURE FOR SIX-MONTHS BEYOND THE PRESENT TERMINAL DATE OF NOVEMBER 1, 1976. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF DELAYS IN RECRUITING AND IN THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW COORDINATION CENTER, BERKOL ATTEMPTS TO JUSTIFY THE EXTENSION BY HIGHLIGHTING MCCLURE'S ROLE IN ORGANIZING A SERIES OF REGIONAL WORKSHOPS WITH THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO FORTY-FIVE "DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES".

2. MCCLURE CALLED ON AMBASSADOR DALE LAST WEEK TO ENLIST US SUPPORT IN NEW YORK FOR THE EXTENSION. THIS MISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE US SHOULD EXPEND ITS LIMITED CAPITAL IN SUPPORTING MCCLURE'S EXTENSION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) MCCLURE WAS NOT ORIGINALLY AN OFFICIAL US CANDIDATE; (B) IT IS TOO EARLY NOW TO DETERMINE HOW URGENT THE NEED FOR MCCLURE'S SERVICES BEYOND NOV 1 WILL BE; (C) IN VIEW OF MCCLURE'S AGE, WHICH ORIGINALLY NECESSITATED A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT, DAVIDSON MIGHT WELL LOOK UPON THIS REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION AS AN ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT UN RULES, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD APPEAR TO BE A PARTY TO ANY SUCH ATTEMPT.DALE

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